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## HAIL! "THE AGRICULTURAL WORKER"

For months we've been talking about the need for a bulletin but we were so busy organizing strike the bulletin just didn't appear. Our strikes could have been so much stronger if we had this fighting voice.

However, now that our Union has grown and gained strength and experience, our Bulletin must reach every worker in the industry. They will find in the C&AWIU the honest working class Union that leads in our daily fight for higher wages, better

working conditions and unemployment insurance and relief. Thru our bulletin we can discuss and pass along our experiences.

This is YOUR bulletin in which you can express your problems and experiences. Write to it. Buy it. Sell it. Pass it on to your fellow workers. Soon our bulletin will grow. It will be the best ORGANIZER we have - but that's up to YOU, every worker, every comrade in the Union.

**ATTENTION!** We call on all Locals of the C&AWIU to set up correspondence committees in your local. Field Organizers should see that every Ranch, Shed and Cannery Committee has a Correspondence committee to send news to our bulletin. **SEND NEWS LIKE THIS:** Your working conditions, how you organized to better them. How your Local is putting up a fight for relief. Your experiences in following the crops, in strikes etc. Expose the fake unions in the field. Send workers' stories, poems, jokes, etc.

**NOTICE!** The next issue of our bulletin will contain greetings from our friends and workers' organizations. We call on all our friends to send their contributions of greetings to enable us to reach the 250 thousand agricultural workers in this state with our next issue.

### C&AWIU WINS MILLIONS IN WAGES FOR WORKERS. FIGHT FOR RELIEF BEGINS.

Since April, 1933, six months, our Union has led in one militant struggle after another, a series of strikes involving approximately 35000 agricultural workers. Some of the outstanding victories are: Pea Strike, 2000 workers, won from 15¢ per hamper to 22½¢; Cherry Strike, 800, from 20¢ per hour to 25¢-30¢; Mellon Strike, Arizona, 1100 workers, from 10¢ hr. to 20-35¢ per hr.; Pear Strikes, from 15¢ to 25¢ per hour; Peach Strikes, 3000, from 15¢ to 30¢ per hr., and in the cotton strike of the San Joaquin Valley, the largest agricultural strike in the history of the American Labor Movement, involving for 23 days of militant activity 12,000 workers, Negro, Mexican and White, the union won an increase from 60¢ per 100 lbs. to 75¢, which represents an increase in wages for these workers of over ONE MILLION DOLLARS!

These are just some of the strikes organized by the C&AWIU since last April, most of them resulting in wage increases. These wage increases were not given to us out of kindness of the bosses. We had to FIGHT FOR THEM. Three comrades died for them. One young comrades arm was blown off. For the agricultural workers, just like all other workers, it is a fight every step of the way for the right to live, against the handful of well-fed rich growers and stomach-robbing fi-

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### DEMAND RELEASE OF PAT CHAMBERS! FIGHT ANTI-LABOR LAW!

The trial of Pat Chambers, District Committee representative of the C&AWIU, and leader of the cotton strike, resulted in a deadlocked jury. Chambers is being tried on the "criminal syndicalism law" of California. With this law, the boss-courts of this State are trying to outlaw the constitutional rights of workers to organize, strike and picket.

Chambers trial has been set for Feb. 6 at Visalia. At the same time, the court has postponed the trial of the ranchers who cold-bloodedly murdered our comrades in Pixley and Arvin. Resolutions and telegrams should be sent to Dis. Attorney Haight of Visalia supporting demands of the Union and International Labor Defense that Chambers' trial be dismissed, and immediate trial and death penalty to the rancher-murders. Demand the release of our fellow-strikers Morales, Cueller, Barron and Medina at Visalia, railroaded to jail on a fake charge of "riot". Send protests to District Atty. Wilson, Hanford, demanding the immediate release of our fellow-strikers Valdez, Silva and Ribera, who are facing the same framed-up charge at the hands of Wilson who gets his pay from the rich Guibersons and Ellets at Corcoran, and who is trying to outlaw our union in Corcoran. Organize to fight for the immediate repeal of the black, anti-labor, Cri-

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## C. &amp; A. W. I. U. VS. A. F. OF L.

The difference between our union, the Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union, and the American Federation of Labor, in policy, practice and organization, are as wide as the chasm that separates a worker from a boss.

The big difference is that the AFofL is a REFORMIST union, while ours is a CLASS STRUGGLE union. The AFofL believes that workers can obtain justice and decent living conditions under the profit and wage system of Capitalism. Thus they believe in "cooperating" and working with the bosses who exploit the workers. And the bosses DO cooperate with the AFofL leaders in selling out the rank-and-file. In fact, they cooperate to such an extent, that now in San Joaquin Valley rich growers & chiefs of police are trying to get cotton pickers to join the AFofL.

## CANNOT "COOPERATE" WITH ENEMIES!

We know workers can never get justice or decent living conditions by cooperating with bosses. We know there will be unemployment, low wages, long hours, as long as we have bosses who use the workers only for their own profits. The C&AWIU organizes the workers to struggle against, not to cooperate with those responsible for our rotten conditions. That is why the rich cotton growers are now so anxious for the workers to join the AFofL — they got a taste of our fighting union in the cotton strike.

## EMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYED MUST UNITE!

UNEMPLOYED workers are usually kicked out of the AFofL when they can't pay dues. The C&AWIU knows that anything the workers ever got was thru ORGANIZATION and a stiff fight. To separate the unemployed from the employed, means to DEFEAT this fight! Means playing into the hands of the bosses by dividing us and helping the bosses keep a hungry army of unemployed to scab when employed workers try to raise their wages by striking. That is why the C&AWIU not only calls on all workers to unite, but while organizing on the job, every union member must also take the lead in organizing the unemployed in the fight for relief this winter!

## OTHER DIFFERENCES

The fact that the AFofL is a reformist union, while ours is a union of struggle, gives rise to a number of other important differences. The AFofL believes in dividing the workers into crafts. We believe in UNITING, NOT DIVIDING WORKERS. That is why we organize the workers from fields, canneries and sheds into one union — the C&AWIU!

The A F of L is chauvinistic. That means that it discriminates against colored workers and refuses to allow them to join its ranks. Where they do, they are organized into SEPARATE locals. And this is exactly what they are trying now in agriculture. In order to keep the workers from joining our union, they are now, as in Salinas, organizing Mexican, Filipino and white workers INTO SEPARATE UNITS IN THEIR UNION, again playing into the hands of the bosses by weakening the

workers ranks. We know our only hope to better our conditions is thru the UNITY of ALL workers.

American Federation of Labor is nationalistic, as its name sounds. A F of L is limited to white workers in this country and supports WAR for profits of the bosses. Bosses of every country are organized in their exploitation of the working class. The boss class of one country sending millions of workers to slaughter millions more in WAR for profits of the Morgans and Rockefellers. We believe in the unity of all workers of all the world. That is why the C&AWIU is affiliated with all militant unions in this country thru the TRADE UNION UNITY LEAGUE, and with the many millions of workers in militant unions thru-out the world thru TUUL affiliation with RED INTERNATIONAL OF LABOR UNIONS.

## C&amp;AWIU FOR BENEFIT OF WORKERS!!

The A. F. of L. is notorious for being run by its officials for their own benefit. In contrast, our union is a union of workers, run by the rank and file for the benefit of the workers. The A. F. of L. officials have made a racket out of their unions. The A. F. of L. leadership tried to keep 40,000 miners in Pennsylvania from going out on strike against their miserable wages. The workers in A. F. of L. are burdened with heavy dues and fees which are used, not to carry on a struggle for better conditions, but to pay the secretaries and business agents fancy salaries. That is why hundreds of rank and file members of the A. F. of L. are now carrying on a fight against their bureaucratic leaders. That is why AFofLers of other industries, coming into agriculture, join the C&AWIU. The officials and functionaries in our union are themselves workers, and as such are self-supporting. THE ONLY SALARIES the Union pays is \$7.50 a week to the Secretary, and \$5 a week to the organizer. Dues and initiation fees are purposely low so that all workers can join. No graft exists in our union. All funds are used to carry forward the militant struggle of the workers for better working conditions, higher wages, etc.

## KEEP AGRICULTURAL FIELDS CLEAN OF FAKERS!

FIELD SHED AND CANNERY WORKERS! Something is wrong if an AFofL organizer can walk into a Santa Clara packing shed and have the boss call a meeting for him. The AFofL has not been interested in the conditions of agricultural workers. All of a sudden they have come into the field! WHY?—Because OUR Union is becoming recognized by the workers as their own fighting union — because under leadership of C&AWIU workers won wage increases. AFofL organizers, at \$10 a day, are being sent out to lie about and disrupt our union. The workers in every industry have experienced betrayal by the AF of L leaders. Rank-and-file A F of Lers are revolting against this kind of leaders. AGRICULTURAL WORKERS: WE DON'T HAVE TO GO THRU THE SAME EXPERIENCES OF BEING BETRAYED! EXPOSE \$10-A-DAY leaders as they come to your territory! KEEP THE AGRICULTURAL FIELD CLEAN OF FAKERS!

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SEND IN ALL INFORMATION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE A. F. OF L. IN YOUR TERRITORY.



## NEWS FROM LOCALS

**ARVIN:** Hold regular meetings. Have elected Field Organizers.

**BAKERSFIELD:** What's happened to Bakersfield?

**CORCORAN:** Chief of Police Springer tells us to join the A.F. of L.. We know who he's working for, and we're going to show him that we have got the right to organize into our own Union.

**EARLIMART:** Paid membership of 32. Lot of scares being passed around by stool pigeons. Pat Chambers mass meeting Dec. 15th.

**SHAFTER:** Getting along O.K. 100 dues paying members. (Honor Roll)

**FRESNO:** Been talking about a Local for a long time. How about it? Pat Chambers mass meeting Dec. 20th

**PORTERVILLE:** 350 dues paying members. Election of officers next week. (Honor roll) Pat Chambers meeting Dec. 13th.

**TULARE:** 25-50 attend meetings. The seat of the valley should have more to boast about. Pat Chambers mass meeting Dec. 19th.

**LINDSAY:** 100 dues paying members (honor roll) but how about your field organizers? Pat Chambers mass meeting Dec. 17th.

**PIXLEY:** Should have the strongest Local in memorium to our murdered comrades. How about it Pixley?

**DELANO:** Had one of the best functioning Locals. We mustn't let little misunderstandings break us apart. Pat Chambers mass meeting Dec. 14th.

**McFARLAND:** Have elected Field Organizers.

**WASCO:** 40 paid members. Expect more to pay dues. Have elected Field Organizers. Pat Chambers mass meeting Dec. 18th.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW:** Started building their own headquarters. It's getting cold Mt. View, better hurry along...

**HAYWARD:** Fell asleep after the pea strike. They're stretching and yawning now, guess we'll be seeing some action soon.

**CHICO:** Always first! Chico Local has already sent in its \$2 for a charter. (Chico C&WIU is organizing Hunger March.)

**SALINAS:** Large mass meeting in Salinas Athletic Club, December 17th, at which Caroline Decker, will talk on "Results and Lessons of the California Cotton Strike."

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA:** Reports 14 Locals but only 4 functioning properly. Phoenix has an A. J. Section Secretary, and a functioning Section Committee. We suggest you look into your other 10 locals.

**SACRAMENTO:** Where there are many Japanese agricultural workers, is issuing a C&WIU JAPANESE BULLETIN! We greet the new fighter in our ranks.

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THIS COLUMN BELONGS TO THE LOCALS!  
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**LOCALS!** SEND US YOUR NEWS. HOW YOUR FIELD ORGANIZERS AND RANCH COMMITTEES FUNCTION. YOUR MEETINGS AND DANCES. ALL YOUR TROUBLES, AND THE GOOD NEWS.

## WESTERN STRIKE - STRUGGLE BRIEFS

## GALLUP STRIKE WON

**GALLUP, N.M., Nov. 28.** - A great victory won by striking miners here, led by militant National Miners Union affiliated with the TUUL, when three mines that had held out for 13 weeks granted 8 of the 11 demands of the strikers. This completes the victory won over all the mines that were struck. 3 had settled earlier. The demands won include pit committees elected by the miners themselves; their own check-weighmen; no black listing; no discrimination and **RELEASE OF ALL ARRESTED STRIKERS.**

## FARMERS DEMONSTRATE

**BERKELEY, CAL., Nov. 28.** - The Farmers' Union of Sonoma County staged a demonstration before the Federal Loan Bank at Berkeley to protest against the refusal to grant loans to farmers and home owners. Workers' organizations in Berkeley led the farmers and supported their demonstration.

## MEXICAN CONSUL AGAIN BETRAYS STRIKERS

**BRAWLEY, CAL. Nov. 25.** - Two thousand Mexicans, Filipinos, Negroes and Americans in the rich Imperial Valley went on strike Nov. 21st against a wage that averaged little more than \$1 for a 9 hour day. Twenty strikers were arrested the first day. This made it easy for the Mexican Consul to break the strike by sending the workers back to work under threats of more arrests and deportation. The strike was practically a failure due to the incorrect leadership of the "Association of Workers and Peasants" (Mexican-Consul union.)

The C&AWIU is now organizing ALL the workers in the valley in one Union and a united struggle.

## CHOWCHILLA FARMERS FIGHT POWER TRUST

**CHOWCHILLA, CAL. Nov. 20.** - 300 farmers under the militant leadership of the United Farmers League have declared a 50% rate strike against the San Joaquin Power Trust. Farmer Blue, the first to refuse to pay more than half his power bill, had his lines cut by the Trust. The farmers reconnected the line and threw a picket line around the ranch see that the power stayed on.

## JAPANESE WORKERS JOIN C&amp;AWIU

**SACRAMENTO, CAL., Nov. 25.** - 125 Japanese workers at a mass meeting in Showa Hall to-night unanimously voted to form a Japanese language club in the Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union.

## FISHERMEN &amp; CANNERY WORKERS WIN VICTORY

**SAN PEDRO, CAL., Nov. 21.** - 1,000 members of (Cont'd. on page 8)

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ATTENTION!!

All Locals should elect FIELD ORGANIZERS - 2 to 4- depending on size of Local and send for Credential Cards to the District. FIELD ORGANIZERS, duties will be to visit Union members on the Ranches and Sheds in your territory. Set up Ranch and Shed Committees, bring the comrades books and dues and news about the Union. In this way we will keep contact with our Union members who cannot come to Local meetings.

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## C&AWIU WINS MILLIONS IN WAGES FOR WORKERS. FIGHT FOR RELIEF BEGINS.

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nance corporations. While we slave and pile up millions in profits for this handful of slave-drivers, we always face the problem of not only having to fight for decent wages, but finding something to live on during the months there is no work.

Millions of dollars have been "appropriated" for relief. It gets into the hands of the relief distributing agencies and that's the last we see of it. It is not near adequate to care for the millions who need relief; and on top of that, all sorts of discrimination are practiced.

Right in Tulare, relief has been denied agricultural workers because they were courageous enough to play a leading role in the Cotton Strike. By denying us relief, they want to scare us into giving up our rights to strike for decent wages. We cannot let them get away with starving the agricultural workers this winter. The relief is there, it means a fight again to get what belongs to us.

The workers in every city and town in the country are meeting the same problem, and the way it is to be met is by ORGANIZING AND DEMANDING RELIEF! The Union in Tulare is now making preparations for county-wide hunger marches. At every mass meeting, at every Local meeting, committees and demonstrations should be organized to march to the relief office to demand and GET ADEQUATE relief for EVERYONE!

## SCOTTSBORO BOYS AGAIN CONDEMNED

DECATUR, Alabama, Dec. 2.—Sentenced to die in the electric-chair! For a third time, Heywood Patterson, first of the Scottsboro Negro boys to be re-tried here, heard a lynch jury pronounce him guilty of framed-up charges of rape. Immediately following, Clarence Norris, second of the Negro boys, faced the same fate before the Southern lynch court and jury.

The International Labor Defense is again appealing the lynch decision to the U. S. Supreme Court. The appeal of the case is based on gross errors in rulings by the judge, the fact that Negroes are excluded from jury service, and the fact that in his general charge to the jury Judge Callahan did not include the method by which the defendants could be acquitted until the I.L.D. attorney called his attention to it.

The fight of all class-conscious workers, thru the I.L.D., to free the Scottsboro Negro boys is now in its 34th month. Mass pressure has three times saved the boys from the electric chair. Now they are in greater danger than ever before—in danger of legal lynching by the Southern boss court, and in danger of lynching at the hands of the race-hating mob. This deliberately inculcated race hatred has long been used as a club to try to keep exploited Negroes and whites from uniting against the Southern bosses.

The struggle to save the Scottsboro boys is a struggle of outstanding importance for all work-

## PEARS.

By Robert Whitaker (Los Gatos)

(Inspired by recent San Jose Pear Strike.)

Pears; tons, and tons, and tons of pears;  
And men, raw men, from everywhere;  
And hell for all; but, hell! who cares!

Canners who can, and cannot sell;  
Growers whose debts and taxes swell;  
Pickers who starve, and then rebel.

Pickets whose peaceful ways are loud;  
Police who itch to club the crowd;  
Judges, of their class-justice proud.

Injunction, lawless to the core;  
And bail, as lawless still, and more;  
And locked bars, till the strike is o'r.

The Thirty Cents an hour denied;  
Granted, half-way, when purse and pride;  
With war and waste are satisfied.

The press compelled to peddle lies;  
Nice people, rather nice than wise;  
Religion, praying, with closed eyes.

And big men holding fast and far  
To systems that too bankrupt are  
To save by compromise, or war.

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## DEMAND RELEASE OF PAT CHAMBERS!

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minal Syndicalism Law. Everyone solid in this fight! Send protests to Gov. Rolph and Attorney-General U. S. Webb at Sacramento!

Comrade Chambers, together with Jerry Wheately, San Joaquin Valley Organizer of the C&AWIU, are now on a speaking tour in the Valley.

## C. OF C. WANTS STATE "COSSACKS"

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 25.—Alarmed over the recent strike wave in California agricultural fields, the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce has launched a campaign for a State constabulary modeled after the constabulary in Pennsylvania and New York. The admitted purpose of the constabulary is to deal more "efficiently" with strikes. The constabulary of Pennsylvania and New York have long been notorious for their terror against workers and for their strike-breaking activities.

ers, black and white. These boys are 9 boys out of millions of working class children who have been thrown out of their homes because of unemployment. Because their color is black, the white bosses of the South are trying to stir up false hatred against them. The recent agricultural strikes have proven to us the need for unity of all workers.

There is only one way to fight class justice and that is by mass action. Act now, send protests to Judge Callahan! Support the I.L.D. and your union in their fight against the Southern bosses and all other enemies of the working class!



## MEXICAN CONSUL TEAMS UP WITH BOSSES TO BREAK OUR UNION.

Divide and Conquer, the slogan of the bosses. To do this they have plenty of stool-pigeons, plenty of paid agents. In the cotton strike we found them all working to break the unity of 12,000 Negro, Mexican and White workers, the **UNITY THAT WON THE STRIKE!** The Mexican Consul is an example. He came to Mexican workers and used this line - "be patriotic Mexicans, you don't belong in this country. Don't cause international complications. Organize your own Mexican Union. Go back to work for 60¢."

Then he had the nerve to get up at the Fact Finding Hearing in Visalia and pretend to speak "for his Mexican country-men". At the hearing when he was asked if he thought the police had given the Mexican workers sufficient protection -- he said, "I'd rather not answer, I'm supposed to cooperate with the officials and Law of this state." Oh, yes, Mr. Bravo, we sure do know how you cooperated with them against the strikers. And further, after telling the Mexican workers that this **WAS NOT** their country, he said at the hearing - "The Mexican workers have always been patriotic workers. If this country should go to war, the Mexicans will fight for them." At the same time, Mr. Elliot, an American, supervisor of

Tulare County, said to some American Union members - "Why do you belong to that Red Union, why don't you organize into your own union?" Sounds like the Mexican Consul, doesn't it? And if there had been any Negro bosses in the valley, they would have told the Negro workers to organize their own union.

The Mexican Consul forgot to tell the workers that he's getting a good salary from the Mexican bosses who are exploiting the Mexican workers in Mexico. He forgot to tell them that 7 years ago the rich growers went to Washington to get more Mexicans in California, in order to lower the wage standard. He forgot too, that **HE DOESN'T REPRESENT THE MEXICAN WORKERS, BUT REPRESENTS THE MEXICAN BOSSES WHO ARE CONTROLLED BY THE SAME AMERICAN FINANCE-CAPITAL THAT CUTS OUR WAGES IN THE U.S.!**

And who does Mr. Elliot represent? And who does Chief of Police Springer of Corcoran represent when he tells the comrades in Corcoran they can belong to the AF of L but not to the C&AWIU? Whenever workers of all races get together in a militant union to fight for decent wages, the bosses always have their lackeys to do their bidding.

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## ACOSTA, MEXICAN CONSUL REPRESENTATIVE, CAUGHT RED-HANDED!

Editor, "Agricultural Worker": Dec. 4th, 1933.

Dear Comrades: On the morning of November 29th, a representative of the Mexican Consulate, representing Mr. Acosta in Fresno, called at my home saying that the Consul wished to talk to me concerning my participation in the Cotton Strike and Union. I accepted the invitation and departed to Fresno with the representative who tried to tell me in many ways that I was wrong in participating in a "red union" (to which I agreed to prevent quarrel on the road.)

We arrived at Fresno about 11 A. M. and immediately went to the Consul's office where many things were discussed and to which I disagreed. Some of the points discussed were:

1-That I should urge my people to abandon the C&AWIU, and in this way prevent international difficulties between Mexico and U. S. and help to bring a better relation between the two countries. 2-That he would give me authority to organize a Mexican Labor Union in the Valley and would finance me in my efforts, (money and car), just so we would keep away from the Reds and their C&AWIU. 3-That this Mexican Labor Union could affiliate to the A F of L. 4-That if I didn't accept his offer my people were in danger of being deported. 5-That since we were not American citizens we had no right to protest because our actions would be taken as "Reds". 6-That solidarity with Reds was a very bad step to take both to Mexico and U. S.

I was able to answer his questions and refused his offer, and told him that modern capital was responsible for our action and that it was necessary for us to act that way in order to live. That it was time for us to appreciate what Lincoln and Hidalgo were supposed to have done for us, but that we were now the slaves of capital. That the slaves before the Civil War were better provided with food, clothing and shelter than we are. That if it was the reds organizing the workers to put up such a good fight like the cotton strike, then I am a Red. Seeing that his threats were not working the way he desired, he lost hope and that was the end of a happy day.

Very comradely yours,  
Salvador Olmedo  
Portersville, Calif.

EVERY C&AWIU MEMBER SHOULD BE AN ORGANIZER!  
THE COST OF LIVING GOES UP EVERY DAY!  
PREPARE TO FIGHT FOR HIGHER WAGES!



Acosta



## FILIPINO AGRICULTURAL WORKERS MUST FIGHT AGAINST THE CONTRACT SYSTEM

By RUFINO DEOGRACIAS

Filipinos, Fellow-Countrymen! Let us consider our situation carefully. We must contemplate under what conditions we lead our lives. What do we find? We work hard, how much do we receive? Just enough to support ourselves with a bare existence. Our bosses cut our wages, not at one time but step by step. When we complain, they laugh at us, curse us, discriminate against us.

We can't go out for help, all whom we ask for help are the tools of the bosses to fight against us. What then must we do to help ourselves? We must unite and make our unity as our strength and our firmness as our weapon, unanimous and unrelenting resistance to our enemies.

When I say we must unite, I don't mean we must have nationalistic unity, but I mean a **WORKING CLASS UNITY**. We all know that most of us are employed in the fields and the situation in the fields right now is vitally critical. We are oppressed, discriminated, exploited and used as a commodity by our enemies, the bosses and contractors. We must then unite with all workers of all nationalities and have perfect militant struggle for living wages, against discrimination of races, for unemployed relief.

Everybody knows that the American finance capital is invested from coast to coast of the Philippine Islands and it is exploiting and enslaving the Filipino masses there. Also in this country we are the worst discriminated people. We always complained about race discrimination in which for some reason we blamed our fellow workers of other nationalities, particularly the white workers, for the existence of such indecent and inhuman treatment imposed upon us and other races. If we study and analyze carefully the situation, race discrimination is not originated from the workers, but from the bosses! It has been taught by our enemies to the workers so that all workers would not unite and it will be easy for them to do whatever they want to oppress us. A good example of this is shown during the pea strike in Santa Clara Valley. One of the farmers who had been employing Mexicans for several years, came to our camp for boys for help because all the Mexicans that he had been employing went out when the general strike was called by the C&AWIU. In the camp he said "The Mexicans are no good, come boys and drive them out, this is not their country and it is your duty to drive 'em for they are crowding you out". He liked to say some more besides, but he was stopped and given a hail by the boys so that he left the camp quietly and silently.

A boss is a boss, whether he is Filipino boss or any other kind. Take the tactics of the Filipino contractors who help the bosses keep us divided by even dividing the Filipinos into castes and setting one group against the other. And where does the contractor exploit us? Most of us know the difference when we work under the contractor and when we work without him. Still, many of us don't realize this for they believe the contractors who promise many things that are **LIES!** When we work under the contractors we are not having the full pay of our labor. Most of it goes to their pockets and the smallest part of it in our stomachs. It may be you are wondering how it comes this way. Let us solve their lies in a simple arithmetic. For instance, the prevailing wage is 20¢ an hour. The contractors will give to the boys 15¢ an hour and have 5¢ an hour from every boy for himself. They charge 65¢ to 85¢ a day for board and the remaining will be 85¢ to 75¢ for us. Sometimes the boys don't work every day, for the work is only seasonal, so what will happen to their little income at the end of the month? It will be all in the pockets of the contractors and the poor boys are over-drawn and are forced to stick in camps until each paid all overdrawals. Sometimes, a contractor, knowing the boys have some money coming, will leave camp explaining he is going to seek work for boys, giving perfect assurance he will be back after 3 or less days. Days and days go by waiting, no contractor comes. But when contractor believes sufficient time passed for boys to use up in board all he owes, Mr. contractor comes back and tells more lies.

Nowadays, workers realize necessity of mobilizing and uniting entire working class to fight against exploitation, discrimination, against wage cuts, and above all for better conditions of living.

Our struggle for decent living, complete destruction of inhuman grafting and corrupt ambitions of our enemies is being led by the C&AWIU. We can see now what it is doing around California and other agricultural states. It is struggling against slavery wages and discrimination of races. It jars entire agricultural area of California and makes all bosses realize the tremendous power of our Union. Just only a part of the power is being used, and yet it jars entire agricultural area. How much more, if all its power were used to fight against our enemies? And it can't be doubted that it will be a great victory for us of the working class; and when we raise our organized arms, the chain of profit slavery will fall.

We, the workers of this country, as well as all countries, **MUST RISE AND ORGANIZE!**

**FILIPINOS, PROCLAIM YOUR RIGHTS!**

**YOU ARE NOT TIED TO ANY CONTRACTOR, TO ANY BOSS!**

**ORGANIZE IN YOUR CAMP, ON YOUR RANCH!!**



## H O W W E O R G A N I Z E

## AFTER THE COTTON STRIKE

By JERRY WHEATELY

C&amp;AWIU San Joaquin Valley Section Organizer

After the cotton strike, when many of the migratory members of the Union left the Valley, our work slowed down. Also, the AFofL fakers tried to break our ranks in the South by spreading lies about the Union, and the Mexican Consul (thru his Fresno representative, Mr. Acosta) tried to demoralize us by trying to split the Mexican workers away from the union with more lies.

However, we have now organized a Section Committee with representatives from every Local. The Section Committee will meet regularly and guide the work of all the Locals in the Section.

In order to contact all of our union members on the ranches we are now finding success in the "FIELD ORGANIZERS" and "RANCH DELEGATE" system. Each Local has elected two or three Field Organizers who have their credential cards from the District. The squad of field organizers have elected a chairman of the squad. They meet and divide up ranches in the area of their Local, the members of the Local chip in and hold affairs to raise money for gas and oil, and the field organizers go out to the ranches to visit the union members who can't come to Local meetings. They bring them books for new members, dues, information and news. At the same time, their duty is to set up a "Ranch Committee" on every ranch.

The Ranch Committee is elected by the workers on the ranch. They take up the question of sanitary conditions, speed-up, wages, etc.; and the Ranch Committee elects a Ranch Delegate from each ranch who is supposed to come in to the Local meeting every week in the town nearest the Ranch.

We are also trying to set up headquarters in every town, and urging the workers to help, even if it's a shack where union members can meet to discuss their problems, read working class literature and come to pay dues and bring new members.

Each Local is arranging to hold affairs for the benefit of the local and Section. Our Union meetings are to be strictly for Union members and each Local will try to have mass meetings often and invite all workers. We invite all agricultural workers, of all races, Democrats, Republicans, Socialists, Communists, ALL to join our Union and help us to carry on the fight for unemployed relief that we are starting now.

## HOW WE ORGANIZED A RANCH COMMITTEE

The ten workers harvesting potatoes were all union men except one. We had to work about 9 hours at 25¢, one worker received 20¢ an hour. There was no toilet in the field and houses were located on almost every side of the potato patch. The farmer had already hired one non-union man, and several union men about town were unemployed. The members of the union on the ranch decided to have a

## THE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS INDUSTRIAL UNION AND THE UNEMPLOYED SECTION OF THE C&amp;AWIU

The Trade Union Unity League, to which the C&AWIU is affiliated, has launched THE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS INDUSTRIAL UNION, to meet the needs of thousands of unemployed workers who are now getting jobs from the Civil Works Administration. Hundreds of thousands of workers are registering with the CWA in the hope of getting a job. Many have been put on these jobs and now face all sorts of grievances. Bad weather deducts hours from the pay envelope. In San Francisco, on one job, 800 workers were forced to quit because they couldn't stand the speed-up.

Workers on these jobs are suffering from poison oak and many are injured because of lack of safety devices, and they DON'T GET ANY COMPENSATION! At the same time we are informed by the Government that these jobs will last only about 75 days. And after that --- ?

It is clear that the workers on the CWA jobs must organize TO KEEP THE JOB, AND TO FIGHT AGAINST THE MISERABLE CONDITIONS ON THE JOB. Altho the maximum pay is supposed to be \$25 a week, very few of the workers get this amount. Some families of 2 and 3 get \$18 a week, while a man with a family of 6 or 7 gets the same \$18.

C&AWIU members on the jobs should be the first to start the organization of the CONSTRUCTION WORKERS INDUSTRIAL UNION. Write to the TUUL, 3470-19th st, San Francisco, for more information.

## C&amp;AWIU UNEMPLOYED SECTIONS

While thousands of workers apply for CWA jobs, ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE GET THEM! THE REST (Cont'd. on page 8)

meeting and discuss grievances. We decided to draw up demands, elect a negotiation committee of 3 to present the demands to the farmer.

Our demands were: 1--30¢ an hour minimum wage to all workers in the field. 35¢ an hour for potato packers. 2--Recognition of the Ranch Committee. All hiring and firing of the workers to be done with the approval of the Ranch Committee. 3--8 hrs. per day. 4--No discrimination of any worker because he took an active part on any committee. 5--Transportation to and from work when farmer neglected to notify workers at the end of the day that there would be no work next day. 6--That a portable toilet be established in the potato patch.

We elected three workers to present the demands at the correct time when the farmer had about 10 rows of potatoes plowed up. These uncovered potatoes had to be picked up immediately because the sun would soon hinder them from selling as No. 1 grade. The farmer knowing this, granted our demands and potatoes were picked up without any loss. Now all men working on the ranch are union men.

A Chico Comrade.



## HARVESTS

By MARIE de L. WELCH

Now among good harvests  
The human harvest fails;  
The fruit and grain lie on the ground,  
The men are stored in jails.

The stem is rotten on the root  
And the seed on the stem;  
Store away the meagre yield  
Of men with life in them.

Store them fearfully away,  
The fellows who maintain  
The right to live as honestly  
As fruit and grain.

Lock and wall may have their hour,  
But the new crop will be grown  
From the seed that's hoarded now  
In the barn of stone.

This poem was inspired by the recent frame-up trials of strikers in Watsonville.

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### C&AWIU UNEMPLOYED SECTIONS

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ARE UNEMPLOYED AND NEED RELIEF, AND STRIKERS AND WORKERS OF FOREIGN RACE ARE BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST. Every Section Committee of the C&AWIU, every Local should begin at once organizing the workers in the fight for relief. Each local should elect a committee of unemployed members to be in charge of this work, with one representative from each committee attending the Section Committee meetings of the Union.

Organize in your town a mass meeting called by the Union. Take up the cases that need relief, and elect committees from the mass meeting to go right away to the Welfare, and CWA offices, demanding EITHER CWA JOBS FOR ALL UNEMPLOYED! OR, CASH RELIEF TO THE AMOUNT BEING PAID ON CWA JOBS! Organize demonstrations of ALL unemployed workers whether they are C&AWIU MEMBERS OR NOT AND MARCH ON THE COUNTY OR LOCAL HEADQUARTERS TO DEMAND THE RELIEF WE NEED IN ORDER TO LIVE. If there is an Unemployed Council, or AFofL Locals in your territory, invite all workers to join in a united struggle for relief.

### FISHERMEN WIN VICTORY

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the Boat Owners Association and the Fishermen & Cannery Workers Industrial Union (affiliated to the TUUL) in a solidarity strike won an immediate settlement of all their grievances with the French Sardine Co. The strike involved workers of many different races and as such was a fine example of what can be accomplished by "United Front" of the workers.

### MAN GETS JOB; DROPS DEAD

LIVERMORE, Cal., Dec. 6--Two minutes after he got his first job in over two years, John H. Hardin fell dead here today. He was to have worked on a municipal relief project.

Note: This column was allotted to the Youth Section of the C&AWIU to be used by them to discuss their activities and special problems. We haven't printed anything because we didn't hear from you. How about it, fellows and girls, for the next issue of the bulletin?

### BOSSES PREPARE TO LYNCH UNION LEADERS! ANTI-LYNCH MEET IN JAN.

LYNCHING, THE WILEST FORM OF RULING-CLASS "JUSTICE", has been APPROVED by the GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA! Highest official of State sets ground for further mob-violence!

Following close upon the heels of the San Jose lynching, the District Office of the C&AWIU received a note threatening to lynch any leader of the Union if the workers went on strike for higher wages. A few days later appeared a brazen editorial in the labor-hating San Jose News saying that the "justice-loving citizens" of San Jose would LYNCH "agitators" WHO DARED to "cause trouble to our growers or canners".

The newspapers, the authorities, the WHOLE ROTTEN OUTFIT UPHOLDING A DECAYING ECONOMIC ORDER, are determined to save the profits of their masters, the rich growers and canners. Yes, they will even lynch workers when they dare to raise their voice in protest against their SLAVERY WAGES. We don't uphold kidnapers, -- but it is clear that this lynch spirit is being worked up to use against the working-class!

A conference against lynch-terror is being called in San Jose, January 21st by The International Labor Defense. All locals of the C&AWIU should hold mass meetings and elect delegates to attend the conference. All organizations, fraternal, social political, AFofL locals --ALL-- send delegates to this conference to raise our voices in united protest against the lynch-terror of the bossclass against workers and the further murders they are PLANNING AGAINST US.

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